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# THE OREGON GIANTS

## FINEST GIANT RUFFLED PANSIES



Grown in the Merton G. Ellis Test Gardens

### FINEST FLORISTS' MIXTURE

We are making a specialty of our Finest Florists' Mixture. This includes seeds from all our very best varieties and should produce exceedingly pleasing results.

Of this mixture, we are selling 1000 seeds for \$1.00, or one-half ounce for \$5.00. (Trial packet of 300 seeds, 35c.) Our stock is limited. Order early.

**No. 2—Golden Yellow:** These yellows are bound to please. They are very bright and many of them have very dark centers, making a striking contrast. They are ruffled, of heavy texture, and nearly all are three inches or more across. It takes these very deep yellows to brighten up the baskets of blooming pansy plants, and makes them so attractive and salable.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

**No. 3—Light Blue:** Our light blues are truly heavenly, matching the clear sky. They are very large, three-inch pansies, and most of them are ruffled. They stand very erect on long stems. Bouquets of solid light blue, or with just a few jet blacks among them, are unsurpassed for beauty.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

**No. 4—White:** Very unusual in size for white pansies, being nearly or fully three inches across. Many are ruffled and all of splendid texture. Some have dark blue centers.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

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**No. 5—Bronze:** These are the finest bronzes we have seen anywhere. They are very large, unusual in coloring and expression. This variety of all others, seems like real faces.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

**No. 6—Red Shades:** These pansies vary from the brightest crimson to the very darkest garnet. They are unusually large for red pansies, on strong, long stems; some of the stems being 10 inches long. One of these, as a center-piece, would sell a pansy basket.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

**No. 7—Cabbage Blue:** So named because of its immense size, heavy texture, and being so extremely ruffled. The upper petals are a purplish blue, the others white, with a blue edge. The lower petal has a striking large black blotch. The stems are exceedingly long and erect. This variety will stand considerable neglect and still maintain its size. It is not a heavy seed producer, however, and we can only list small packets.

**Packet of 50 Seeds — 25 Cents**



**THE CABBAGE BLUES**

**No. 8—Black:** Most of these are nearly jet black; all of good size and form—none of the wasp-like varieties so frequently seen in black pansies. These may be used exceedingly effectively in beds or vases, with either bright yellow or light blue pansies.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

**No. 9—Bright Rose Purple:** Verging on a garnet in color; exceptionally large, it being very common to have these reach a diameter of three and a half inches.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

**No. 10—Dark Blue:** Large, splendid velvety texture, rich color and satisfactory in every way. Some of these have a very large, bright yellow eye, and the upper petals bordered with a very pale lavender or light blue, making a very striking contrast.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

**No. 11—Orchid Variety:** These pansies are of wonderfully delicate shades and much larger than usually found in this type.

**Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents**

## No. 12. Personally Selected Choice Mixture.

All of our seed plants are very carefully censured — only the very largest and best being allowed to remain in the seed-beds. The very finest of these are double-staked for our own seed planting, in order that the quality may improve each year. This method has given us very gratifying results, which are appreciated by our customers.

We also have some new varieties that are not yet sufficiently established to put on the market separately, which have attracted much local admiration.

We will have a small surplus of this **EXTRA CHOICE MIXTURE**, of which we will sell a packet of 100 seeds for 50 cents.

In some climates, it is desirable to plant seed in mid or late summer, while in other parts of the country, it is equally satisfactory to wait till early September, or even October.

Our fresh seed is not produced in large quantities till mid-summer and our demand is so heavy that it is impossible to fill all our orders as early as we would like.

We are, therefore, allowing a **discount of 20%** on orders that can **wait till August 18** to be mailed. Orders not mailed till **September 1**, or after, may be **discounted 25%** of the list price, and we will also **add 25% more seeds**.

A great many of the very best pansies produce scarcely any seed till quite late, so the late orders are filled with seeds of extra quality.

Send remittance to

**MRS. MERTON G. ELLIS,**

**325-A Customhouse, Portland, Oregon**



## WHAT OTHERS THINK OF THE OREGON GIANTS

"The Pansies I got from you were fine. Some were three inches across and the colors were fine. I am very much pleased with them. Enclosed you will find an order for more seeds and a check for full amount, \$15.10."

**John Simon, 23 Cooper Ave., Westmont, N. J.**

"I have grown several different kinds of Pansies — exhibition strains, etc. — but never have had such beautiful Pansies as 'Oregon Giants,' although I had a late start last year. I am going to show the people around here this year some real Pansies."

**John A. Dietzen, 1023-1031 Chestnut Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.**

"You have my permission to use extracts from any former letters of mine; only sorry that I can't express in words the beautiful colors and shades, also the large size of your Oregon Giant Pansies. I had Pansies in bloom this year at Easter time that measured  $3\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches across. Pansy plants sold on this market for 40c a dozen, wholesale; I sold mine for \$1.20 a dozen; so you can imagine what kind of plants I had. Everyone that saw them said they were the largest and most beautiful Pansies they ever saw."

Kindly send me one of your catalogues, as I am going to order more of your seed this year."

**John A. Dietzen, 1023-1031 Chestnut St., Chattanooga, Tenn.**

"We are still enjoying our Pansies. I believe we have the finest Pansies in the East."

**Miss Pansie F. Keene, 35 Zane Ave., Collingswood, N. J.**

"Please send me your price list of Pansy Seed. I ordered your No. 1 'General Mixture' last year and had remarkable success with it. The flowers were truly Giants. I exhibited some of these Pansies at the American Horticultural Society's Spring Show and several people took the trouble to look me up and find out where they could get seed."

**L. M. Clarke, Bureau of Chemistry, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.**

"The Pansies from the seed sent me were very beautiful. Everyone that saw them said they were the largest and most beautiful Pansies they ever saw. I am very proud of my Pansy bed."

**Little Miss Edna Grocock, Avilla, Indiana.**

(Member of the Pansy Club, Organized by Mrs. Merton G. Ellis, Through "The Home and School Visitor," Published at Greenfield, Indiana)

"Although somewhat out of season when planted, the Pansies from your seed are now doing splendidly and the range of shades and colors is immensely pleasing. I never enjoyed Pansies so much and lots of friends have enjoyed them, too. May you long continue the good work! Glad you got some interesting orders from here, and have no doubt you will get more. Suppose I should have 'kept it all to myself' here, they are such grand flowers, but I do like to share and help the other fellow in the garden."

**E. J. Liddicoat, 778 Hellmuth Ave., London, Ont., Canada.**

"Before your note arrived, I had spoken of sending you a few lines to tell you of the great pleasure we have been having since early spring from your glorious Pansies. Some single plants have carried more than 30 flowers at a time (actual counting), flowers of large size, splendid texture and colors, indescribably beautiful. Many have a delicious fragrance that is especially pleasing. They are certainly 'some flowers' when picked with stems six inches long."

"You have done a splendid work in your selection and improvement of your favorite flower, and given much pleasure to many who have grown your seed. You are quite welcome to use anything I have said, but one would require a long session with the dictionary to fittingly describe the real beauties of your wonderful Pansies."

**E. J. Liddicoat, 778 Hellmuth Ave., London, Ont., Canada.**

"My garden soil is very poor, heavy clay, but even so, the resulting flowers were the largest and most beautifully ruffled I have ever seen. They are certainly superior to any of the Pansies around this locality, and I am looking forward to still better results next spring. Perhaps you will be surprised to see the amount of seed I am ordering, but it is not all for my own use, as I hope to sell plants next spring."

**Eugene D. Butler, 430 Grove St., Watertown, N. Y.**

"Pansies I raised from seed you sent me last year, were the largest I ever saw down here."

**B. F. Schroeder, Central Fire Station, Baton Rouge, La.**

"I must tell you what wonderful success I had with the Pansy seed I got last fall from you. I know I must have had thousands of plants. February 1 I took up 400 plants, put them in paper pots and they are just coming into bloom, and are already sold. All I said to make a sale was, 'They are the Oregon Giants.'"

**Mrs. Jessie P. Woll, Bellingham, Wash., Box 46, R.F.D. 2.**

"Just a line to tell you that I never had Pansy seed germinate quite so well as this last batch you sent me. From the portion that I planted, I have just finished resetting exactly 1000 fine little plants. I never had stronger, finer looking plants, and I notice that an unusually large proportion have the compact, round leaves that, in the past, I have associated with the biggest and finest blooms. They may beat the hot weather yet. If so, both we and our friends will be very grateful to you."

**S. S. Berry, 745 W. Highland Ave., Redlands, Cal.**

"For so late a planting, your Pansies were, indeed, remarkable. Everyone who had some of the plants went wild over them. Mine came into flower just a week before the flower show. They always make quite a feature of Pansies at the spring show here, and this time, there were two classifications. One was in the Open Section — best 25 blooms. The other was in the Amateur Section, for those who employ no hired labor whatever — best 18 blooms. There were many entries in each class. In the Open, I exhibited the best I had of your Pansies, and took a clean first. In the Amateur Section, first went to Mrs. J. H. Williams, wife of our Pastor Emeritus, and this also was won by your Pansies, as I had given them some sixty plants as a Christmas present. I cannot tell you how pleased she was. Anyhow, you won two Blue Ribbons at the show, without knowing it, so I am sure that you also will be pleased."

**S. S. Berry, 745 W. Highland Ave., Redlands, Cal.**